

# Double overtime thriller caps action at Hosiery

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**Tarheels 21, Blue Devils 20 (6-10 Division):** Caleb Burgess scored 13 points, including a 3-pointer with 5 seconds left, to lead the Tarheels over the Blue Devils in a thriller. Antwon Steele of the Blue Devils led all scorers with 14 points.

In another 6-10 Divisional contest, the Wolfpack took down the Deacons, 18-12. The Wolfpack, behind the strong efforts of Haven Hairston (6 points), Trae Gibson (4 points), and Frank Hines (4 points) overcame a sluggish first half to beat the Deacons 18-12. Zackery McLeod led the Deacons with 4 points.

**Hawks 36, Spurs 32 (11-13 Division):** Maurice Edwards and Devon George each scored 13 points for the Hawks, leading them to a close victory over the Spurs. Rashad Blue led the Spurs with 9 points and Kayla Blevins chipped in 7 points.

**Celtics 34, Mavericks 27:** DaJuan Lee scored 9 of his 14 points in the second half to lead the Celtics over the Hawks. Jarell Simpson and Infinity Penn-Furnace each scored 10 points for the Celtics. Emmanuel Maree led the Mavericks with 12 points. Shanice Sims also scored 6 points for the Mavericks and Roosevelt Harrison added another 4 points.

In another 11-13 Divisional game, the Magic took down the Pistons, 24-19. The talented Celeste Burgess scored 8 of her 10 points in the first half as the Magic pulled held on for a 24-19 victory over the Pistons. The Pistons stayed close most of the game but Hasan Smith added 6 late points for the Magic. Dishan Beasley led the Pistons with 9 points.



The Hawks of the 11-13 Division

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**Jazz 49, Raptors 48 (14-16 Division):** Daisean Rucker's game-winning layup provided the final margin as the Jazz were able to outlast the Raptors in double overtime. After looking overmatched during the first half, the Jazz strided back in the second half. Correlle Brown scored 16 of his 20 points after halftime, helping the Jazz make up a 10 point deficit in the final six minutes of regulation. The Raptors were led by Brandon Thomas (17 points) and Gerry

O'Neal (14 points). Antoine Simmons added 13 points for the Jazz, including a key free throw in the final overtime period.

In another 14-16 Division game, the Suns defeated the Lakers, 56-36. Juan Miller scored 25 points, including a thunderous dunk in the final seconds, to help the Suns cruise past the Lakers. Chris Overby added another 20 points for the Suns. Anthony Mitchell led the Lakers with 17

# Teague is ACC Rookie of the Week

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Wake Forest freshman guard Jeff Teague has been named the ACC Rookie of the Week for the second time this season. Teague averaged 22.0 points, 3.5 rebounds and 3.0 assists per game in the Demon Deacons' two contests last week.

Teague scored a season-high 27 points (the most for any Deacon player this season) in Wake Forest's 70-68 defeat of Miami on Tuesday. The Indianapolis, Ind., native had season-highs of nine field goals and five three-point field goals. He went 9-for-14 from the floor, including a 5-for-6 mark from beyond the arc. Of his 27 points, 19 came in the second half.

Teague followed with 17 points, three assists and a season-high five rebounds in Wake Forest's 67-65 loss at NC State on Sunday. He added three steals and was a perfect 7-for-7 from the free throw line.

On the week, Teague was 14-for-25 (56.0 percent) from the floor, 5-for-8 (62.5 percent) from three-point range and a perfect 11-for-11 on free throws. He had six assists and four steals.

On the season, Teague is second on the team with 11.9 points per game. He is also second in the ACC with 2.40 steals per game. Teague is averaging 14.3 points per game in conference play.

Teague becomes the fourth freshman in the ACC to win the conference's Rookie of the Week award multiple times this season, joining N.C. State's J.J. Hickson (three times), Duke's Kyle Singler (three times), and Virginia Tech's Jeff Allen (twice).

Teague was previously named the ACC Rookie of the Week on Dec. 17, 2007, following his performance in the Bucknell game. He is the first Demon Deacon since Chris Paul (five times) in 2003-04 to win Rookie of the Week multiple times. Teague and Paul are the only Deacons to win the award multiple times in the past seven seasons.

Teague is one of two Deacon freshmen — along with forward James Johnson — to win the award this year, making Wake Forest the only squad with multiple recipients. In program history, 33 Deacons have received the honor for a total of 56 times.



Wake photo

Wake's Jeff Teague earned his second weekly honor.

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wants Brandon Chandler, but he's waiting on a few things at the moment. Glenn quarterback George Richardson is still weighing his options. He was offered by Livingstone. But he's thinking about going to Western Carolina.

I know of two signings at Mt. Tabor. Ed Gainey signed with Appalachian State. Lemar Wilson was set to sign with Liberty. I am not sure if he did. I couldn't confirm that by Tuesday night.

There were probably a few other guys that signed yesterday too. Those were the signings that I was aware of while writing this column. I just want to wish those guys the best of luck. Like I told Brandon Chandler on Tuesday night, while talking on the phone, make the decision that's best for you. Don't sign with the school that looks the best in The Journal the next day. Don't sign with a school simply because your parents want you to go there. Don't sign with a school simply because your coach has you believing that's the only school that wants you. Sign with the school that suits



File photo

Mt. Tabor's Ed Gainey signed with App. State yesterday.

you the best.

A coach once told me that I should sign with the school that really wants me, not the school I really want to go to. That's right and wrong. You have to want to go somewhere before you sign away four or five good years to the program. You also need to sign with a school that will let you get some burn. Sometimes I

wish I had signed with a smaller school. But after thinking about it longer, I am happy with all of my decisions. You can't beat the connections, friendships and relationships I made in college.

You also can't beat the lessons I learned while in college. That's why I say that signing day, and the days that follow will be the most important days

in a student-athletes life. The decision you make on those days will dictate a lot. So, take your time. Don't get caught up in trying to sign when everyone else does. Sometime it's goo to make a quick decision. But don't make a bad choice.

A bad choice could have you right back in Winston-Salem a year or two later. I've seen it happen before. Good luck and congratulations to all of the guys that signed. And, good luck to the great bunch we have coming back for their senior year. Next year is going to be a monster of a football season around here.

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## Dawson

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Dawson, who's coached at FCD for the last five years. "I would sit around with notepads and take notes while watching games. I kind of always knew I would be a coach. I just didn't think it would happen this quick. I'd love to still be playing. But injuries and those type of things happen. It's always good to have something good to fall back on. Luckily for me I've fallen into something I really enjoy doing."

Dawson doesn't simply schedule practices and show up for games. He also spends countless hours watching tapes and finding ways to help his squad become better. His team has seemingly benefited from his knowledge this season. Dawson's Furies are presently 20-1, but went 17-0 before suffering their first defeat. His team has beaten teams like Winston-Salem Prep, Oak Hill, Charlotte Christian, Providence Day, Thomasville and a number of others. The Furies defeated Thomasville in its Christmas tournament this year. The Bulldogs were said to not have lost in that gym in the last 12 years. Dawson's squad has only suffered one loss this season, and that was to Greensboro Day — a school the Furies will travel to play on Friday.

"They've kind of had a spell on us during the last few times we've played them," Dawson said. "But I think we can get them this time."

Dawson is assisted by John Allen, who's a longtime youth basketball coach in the area. Even Allen is impressed with the way Dawson has been handling business from the sidelines.

"He's a great coach," Allen said. "He's really doing some



Photo by Anthony Hill

FCD's Craig Dawson watches a player shoot free throws.

great things over here at Forsyth Country Day. He's an excellent offensive mind. I would bet you that he's got the best offensive mind around here."

Dawson added: "Coach Allen is the nicest guy in the world. He says good things about every one. But it's still a good feeling to hear something like that coming from him. I spend a lot of time trying to prepare my guys. I ask a lot of them. So, I put in a lot. We've been able to do some good things, offensively, so far."

Some of the leaders of Dawson's squad are Brandon Goodson, who's an eighth grader. He's leading the team in scoring with 13 points per game. T.J. Deal, who's only a seventh grader, averages 11 points per game. Deal, who's the only black player, is also ranked No. 16 in the country among 12 year olds. The rebounding leaders are Greg McClinton (5.4) and John Hewell (five rebounds). The assist leaders are Bill Reece and Hewell. Reece averages 6.7 assists per game (141 total assists), with only 35 turnovers on the season. Reece (3.8 steals) and Jed Helvey (2.2) lead the

team in steals.

"The guys have really played well this season," Dawson said. "We've kind of dedicated this season to coach (Skip) Prosser. I learned a lot from him. A lot of the players' parents are Deacon Club members. We even have tie-dye shirts with messages to coach Prosser. I definitely feel like that's been a motivating factor for us this year. The guys have bought into the "One Team, One Fight" concept."

Dawson's Furies have three more games left in the season. Dawson is focused on closing the season strong. He's also got his mind on his future, and moving up in the coaching world.

"My goal is to become a varsity coach," Dawson concluded. "I'd also like to coach college someday. I want to go through it all before I do that to make sure I'm prepared. I breakdown a lot of film. Some people ask me why I do all of that for JV. This is what I want to do with my life. It's not just JV for me. Basketball is basketball on any level. I hope to continue to progress."

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